

WORLD-WIDE MEDICAL SURVEY IS PROPOSED

A Study of the Preventable Disease That Afflict the Human Race—What It Would Mean to Asia—Proposal Put Up to American Medical Association, As Largest Social Service—Medical Missions Would Help.

By the Religious Rambler.
The biggest of all schemes for social betterment as yet proposed—and one which makes the reader gasp at its magnitude—was suggested to the American Medical Association at its recent meeting in Minneapolis. This was nothing less than a medical survey of the entire habitable globe with a view to ascertaining what are the definite needs and what feasible action may be proposed with respect to the stamping out of preventable diseases. As yellow fever was eliminated from Cuba and Panama, so western science could in great part either eradicate or repress the epidemics which are decimating the human race, such as cholera, bubonic plague, pneumonic plague, small-pox, typhus fever, beriberi, malaria and dysentery, not to mention tuberculosis, syphilis, and cancer.

The man who is sponsor for this new propaganda, Dr. W. H. Forsythe of Louisville, has been seen extended medical service in Korea. He declares that "it is impossible to grasp, in the wildest flight of imagination, what a world-wide campaign against preventable diseases would mean to humanity in the lives saved, in homes spared from desolation, in the preventing of unnecessary suffering, in conserving to mankind wealth, beyond computation, and human efficiency and productive power beyond all telling."

The New World Neighborliness.
The plan, which at first seems like an Utopian dream, but which students of world conditions are pronouncing thoroughly practicable, is a logical extension of the present practices of civilization. The social sense, which concerns itself with suffering and need everywhere, is dominating our times. This is the era of world neighborliness. Congo atrocities, Peru rubber slavery, Chinese opium, Turkish massacres, all are made the business of civilization in Europe and America.

Because every year is now increasing the interflow of trade and travel between all parts of the world, the powerful element of self-preservation is brought into the question. Every small town has, indirectly, commerce with practically every section of the earth. The Ten Cent stores display wares made by Chinese peasants. For a few dollars one may buy rugs made in Armenia and Persia. The germ-carrying possibilities of all imported articles may not be overlooked. Immigration likewise is bringing to one level the welfare of all mankind. Even the man of the street is coming to perceive with the social economist that this world is not permanently a good place for any of us until it is a good place for all of us.

three sufferers in this world have nobody to diagnose their cases, nobody to prescribe for them, and nobody to operate when operations are necessary. The ignorance of the commonest principles of the transmission of disease is simply abysmal. Thus the Moslem pilgrims are still drinking from the Zem Zem Well in Mecca and carrying the water home to their friends, although the Zem Zem Well has been pronounced the most prolific center of pollution in the world.

The idea of isolating any diseases is unknown to most people. Even lepers walk the streets in China unhindered. The Religious Rambler himself has been thronged, in China, by a crowd of children with small pox, whose disease had reached the peeling stage. He once went aboard a little Chinese houseboat for a week's journey up Grand Canal, only to find that his boatman's children were in the eruptive stage of virulent small pox. Such experiences are too common to be mentioned in pars of the east. In some regions Chinese mothers do not count their children until they have had the small pox, when they enumerate the survivors.

Saving the Babies' Eyes.
The scheme in its business rather baffles comprehension, yet it becomes more practical when looked at in detail. Thus most of the babies of Egypt and Arabia—and pretty much all of Asia, for that matter—have sore eyes. These result, in tens of thousands of cases, in total blindness, and in other tens of thousands of cases in suffering and disfigurement, all of which is preventable. If horacic acid solution could be distributed to the mothers of Asia, with instructions how to use it, the results would be an increase in human comfort, happiness and efficiency simply beyond measure. The amateur philanthropist who would undertake to supply Arabia with horacic acid and to teach the habit of its use would rank as one of the great benefactors of humanity.

It never occurs to the western reader that most babies in the world are born without the help of doctors. The ignorance which attends child-bearing and child-rearing in Asia and Africa is colossal. And to this the fact that in Moslem lands male physicians are not permitted to attend women, and it is seen what possibilities of suffering are involved.

A Vindication of Civilization.
The project involves the use of the daily newspaper press in Asia as it has been used in America for popular education along lines of health and hygiene. This is the day of the rapidly extending dominion of the daily paper in Asia. A more opportune time for the proposed propaganda could scarcely be chosen. As famine relief in China has immeasurably enhanced American prestige, so this plan for the amelioration of suffering would vindicate Christian civilization in the eyes of the ancient peoples. It would prove the reality of the West's professions of the Christian religion and of human brotherhood.

Free Amusements.
Spend the fourth at Riverside Park. Field and water sports in the forenoon, Captain Blondell, champion swimmer, in the afternoon, free fireworks exhibit, motion picture show, and hand concert at night.

MANY TO OBSERVE INDEPENDENCE DAY

Practically All the Business Houses and Institutions Will Suspend for Day.

VARIOUS AMUSEMENTS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED

Athletic Contests at Riverside—Many Picnic Parties Planned—Two Baseball Games.

In observance of the one hundred and thirty-seventh anniversary of American independence the city of Asheville will suspend business tomorrow and her citizens will enjoy a real holiday. Preparations are being made for one of the biggest July 4 celebrations ever observed here; and those who have been sweltering in offices and business houses for the past two weeks are looking forward to an outing at some place of amusement or on a picnic that will repay them for all the trials of hot weather and confinement. There will be sufficient amusement provided for all who desire the relaxation, and even the most fastidious may be satisfied.

The Asheville postoffice will be closed all day with the exception of two hours in the early morning, from 8 to 10 o'clock, when the windows will be open for the convenience of the patrons. There will be no city or rural deliveries of mail, but during the hours that the office is open the city carriers will be present to deliver mail to anyone along their routes who may happen to call for it. The other offices in the Federal building will also be closed with the exception of the internal revenue office.

The members of the Asheville Merchants' association, as well as a number of business men who are not members of the association, will close their places of business during the entire day, according to a statement made this morning by President J. W. Neely of the association. Practically every office in the city, except those of physicians, will also be closed. The banks will take a full holiday. The city ticket office of the Southern railway will be closed except from 12:30 to 1:30 o'clock.

The offices in the county court house will be closed for the day, and all city employees will be given a half holiday. The city market will be closed for the entire day; and in order that the housewives may properly prepare for this emergency the market was opened this afternoon at 2 o'clock instead of 4, and will remain open until the usual closing hour. Probably the biggest amusement

feature of the day, especially to fans, will be the two baseball games to be staged at Oates park between the Tourists and Hornets. The first of these contests will be played at 3:30 o'clock tomorrow morning and the afternoon game will be called at 4 o'clock, the usual hour. With these two teams standing so close together in the percentage column in the outcome of the two games is intense, and mammoth crowds are expected for both the morning and afternoon performances. The forecast of the weather man that it will be generally fair is encouraging to the fans of the city.

At Riverside park there will be other amusements, the Asheville Power & Light company having arranged a program of entertainment for the patrons of the park that promises to outshine any previous Fourth of July celebration. The exercises there will start promptly at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning with various athletic contests, and there will be something doing all the time then until the program is closed at night with a band concert, moving pictures on the lake, and what is promised to be the finest display of fireworks ever shown here on any occasion.

Among the athletic contests arranged for the morning are the following: Two boat races, one for boys and one for girls; a canoe race; a crooked log race; relay race; egg race; potato race; two ball throwing contests, one for boys and one for girls; and last but not least, a fat man's race. Cash prizes are offered in each of these contests to the winners and it is expected that there will be a large number of contestants entered.

The big feature of the afternoon at the park will be the exhibition in swimming by Capt. L. D. Blondell, the champion endurance swimmer of the world. Everything will be appropriately decorated for a Fourth of July celebration and the holiday spirit will prevail. To those who do not care for the public amusements ample entertainment will be provided in small picnic parties, and not the least pleasing of the outdoor amusements will be the golf and tennis tournaments at the Asheville Country club. Several cannons will be fired during the day in the rooms of the Asheville club.

The Southern has inaugurated special rates from all surrounding points to Asheville.

Open Sheet Metal Shop

O. F. Meadows and W. H. Arthur, two experienced sheet metal workers who for a number of years worked in A. L. McLean's shop on Patton avenue have opened a shop of their own at 4 Market street. Messrs Meadows and Arthur have purchased the tools and equipment of Otis Green's Sheet Metal Works department and are prepared to execute all orders promptly. 122-11.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Asheville Cemetery Company will be held in the office of Bourne, Parker & Morrison at 5 o'clock P. M. Monday, July 14th, 1915, for the transaction of any business that may come before the meeting. HAYWOOD PARKER, Secretary of Asheville Cemetery Co. 122-11.

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